Dec. Ses. 1816 gine Company, shall, from any cause dissolve, or become unuseful, then and in that case the said mayor and city council shall be authorised to grant the use of the said reserved ground to any other fire engine company that may be raised and organized on the east side of Jones's Falls, and north of Great York street.

CHAPTER 162.

Passed Feb. 1. An act to widen a part of Bridge Street in the City of Baltimore.

Street to be widened.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorised and required, to widen Bridge-street in said city, thirty feet on the north-west side thereof, from High-street eastwardly, to the city line; and said street, when so widened, is hereby declared a public street and highway, of the width of seventy-nine and an half feet from High-street to the east line of Union-street, and shall be subject to the like rules and regulations as other public streets of the city, the footways of which shall be of such width as the city commissioners shall fix and determine.

Damages to be assessed.

2. And be it enacted, That the mayor of the city of Baltimore shall, on or before the first day of April next, appoint five disinterested freeholders, assessors, who having first taken an oath before some justice of the peace of the county aforesaid, to decide, without favour, affection or partiality, who shall proceed forthwith to value and assess the damages which may be sustained by the respective owners of the lots of ground upon which the said street shall be so widened, and also to designate the property to be benefitted thereby, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages, which damages they shall apportion amongst the owners of the property benefitted, and make return of their proceedings on or before the first day of May next, including all necessary and reasonable costs and expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in virtue of this law, under their hands and seals, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall file and keep the same in his office.

- to be a lien on property benefitted.

3. And be it enacted, That the damages, when so valued and assessed, from the time of the return of the proceedings as aforesaid, shall be a lien upon the property so ascertained and determined to be benefitted, until their respective proportions of said damages shall have been paid.

Allowance to assessors.

4. And be it enacted, That the assessors aforesaid shall be entitled to receive two dollars per day as a compensation for their services in performing the duties required of them by this act.

Damages, &c.

5. And be it enacted, That the city collector of Baltimore to be collected be, and he is hereby authorised, to collect the said mages, costs and expenses, in the same manner that the city taxes of said city are authorised to be collected, and in case of neglect or refusal to pay, by public sale of the property ascertained and determined to be benefitted as aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, of the person or persons so neglecting or refusing, he giving at least thirty days notice of the time and place of such sale, previous thereto, in two or more of the newspapers published in said city, and when collected, to entitled act; an be enti amount improv dred an ed duri thereto, ter as aforesa and no act, un valuatio tendere

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